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## Poetry.

For the Mercury.

### THE ANGEL OF THE OLD YEAR.

BY ELLEN.

We kneel before the great, white throne of God,  
With those whose work was done;  
An angel of the earth, whose folded plumes  
Glowed like the setting sun,  
His downward eyes were full of twilight gloom,  
His voice was sad and low,  
As by the arches written there, he placed  
One more, a scroll of woe.  
And said: "This ends the work thou gavest me,  
My time on earth is o'er,  
But there are few of human kind who bless  
My coming to their shore.  
Not mine to crown with plenty and with peace,  
Neither and Western climes,  
To come mid laughing "New Years," and de-  
part  
With merry Christmas chimes.  
My earliest air was dank with treason's breath,  
And fear of what should be;  
And when I left the earth there still was strife,  
Defeat, and victory.  
My scroll is written o'er, within, without,  
With sorrow, crime and pain,  
Till I grow weary of my thankless task,  
And glad my rest to gain.  
Yet I have blessed them, though they knew it not,  
I found a mighty realm,  
Bound fast in slavery and love of gold,  
With traitors at the helm.  
I led that people pouring gold like dust,  
For freedom and for right,  
Gaining with vigorous step and dauntless hand  
A nation's loftiest height.  
The present weeps my coming, future time  
Will praise what I have done;  
My work fulfilled, I wait for thine award,  
Kneeling before thy throne,  
Thou shadow melted from the angel's eyes,  
Who secretly now,  
Prepared acceptance of his work of love,  
The crown light on his brow.

### "FAIR FREEDOM'S HAPPY HOME."

BY MELBAZ GARDNER.

Awake the glad shout—let the sound ring out,  
Like a trumpet's thrilling tone;  
And the song shall tell to the world how well,  
Was the prize of Freedom won!  
'Twas a gloomy day—no cheering ray  
Shone on their untrod path.  
When a patriot's hand, first made a stand  
For Liberty or Death!  
But the work was done—the prize was won—  
To us the hymn has come—  
While rolls the sea our land shall be  
Fair Freedom's happy home.  
Their hands unstained—their band untrained,  
In battle's dread array,  
They had never to bear, and souls to dare,  
The terrors of the fray.  
Their nerves were steel, but their hearts could  
Feel.  
The wrongs their country felt;  
And they braved the storm—unmoved and firm,  
To God, alone, they bent;  
And while rolls the sea, our land shall be  
Fair Freedom's happy home.  
On Bunker's height, at deep midnight,  
The band of heroes stood—  
Ye may trace their toil, on that holy soil,  
They ministered with their blood;  
And all that day, the fearful fray,  
Based on that battle field;  
And the foe's hand pierced many a heart  
That had been Freedom's shield.  
But the work was done—the prize was won—  
To us the hymn has come—  
While rolls the sea, our land shall be  
Fair Freedom's happy home.  
O'er land and tide—our country's pride—  
Her flag—our banner—be given;  
From its starry gleam by hill and stream,  
The foe was backward driven.  
They have passed away like a quiet day—  
Like a ripple on the deep.  
That banner waves o'er the quiet graves,  
Where lie the brave and true;  
But their work is done—the prize is won—  
To us the hymn has come—  
While rolls the sea, our land shall be  
Fair Freedom's happy home.

## Useful Hints.

The following is an excellent jelly for the sick  
room—Take rice, sage, pearl-barley, hartsorn  
chamomile, each one ounce; simmer, with three  
quarts of water, to one, and strain it. When cold  
it will be a jelly, of which give, dissolved in wine,  
milk, or broth, in change with the other nourish-  
ment.  
**SCURVY IN THE HEAD.**—Into a pint of water drop  
a lump of fresh quick lime, the size of a walnut;  
let it stand all night, then pour the water off  
clear from the sediment or deposit, add a gill of  
the best vinegar, and wash the head with the  
mixture. Perfectly harmless; only wet the roots  
of the hair.  
**CLAMP IN THE LEG.**—Stretch out the heel of  
the leg as far as possible, at the same time draw-  
ing up the toes as far as possible. This will often  
cure a fit of cramp after it has commenced.  
**TINCTURE OF LEMON PEEL.**—A very easy and  
economical way of obtaining and preserving the  
flavor of lemon peel, is to fill a wide-mouthed  
glass bottle half-full of brandy, or proof-spirit;  
and when you use a lemon pare the rind off very  
thin, and put it into the brandy, &c. in a fort-  
night it will impregnate the spirit with the flavor  
very strongly.  
**GOOSE STEPPING.**—Chop very fine about two  
ounces of onion, of green sage leaves about an  
ounce (both unbolted), four ounces of bread-  
cumbs, a bit of butter about as big as a walnut,  
oil, the yolk and white of an egg, and a little  
pepper and salt; some add to this a minced apple.  
**THE PUFFING.**—Three-quarters of a pound of  
golden bread, half a pound of best figs, six ounces  
of best suet, six ounces of moist sugar, a tea-spoon-  
ful of milk, and a little nutmeg. The figs and  
suet must be chopped very fine. Mix the bread  
and suet first, then the figs, sugar, and nutmeg,  
and egg beaten well, and lastly the milk. Boil  
in a mould four hours. To be eaten with sweet  
cream.  
Butter may be improved greatly by dis-  
solving it thoroughly in hot water; let it cool,  
skim it off, and churn again, adding a little  
good salt and sugar. A small quantity can be  
used and approved before doing a larger one.  
The water should be merely hot enough to melt  
the butter or it will become oily.

## Selected Tale.

### THE HEAVY CROSS.

An envious and discontented character  
is a perpetual cause of suffering to its pos-  
sessor. It is a poison mingled with the  
sweetest joys, a thorn in his foot whose  
pricking he feels at every step in life.  
Robert Hope and Samuel Hullins had  
dwelt side by side for more than a dozen  
years. It is probable that these neighbors  
would have always lived upon good terms,  
if Samuel, who had served under Admiral  
Nelson, had not earned at Trafalgar, a  
small pension, for which he paid by the  
loss of one of his legs. This leg and this  
pension were, for Robert, a continual  
source of jealousy. He accused fate of hav-  
ing left him his two legs, and complained  
bitterly to God because he had not been  
able, as he said, to sell his legs at the  
same price that Hullins had done. Every  
time that he went to pay his rent, he would  
say, grumbling, that his neighbor was in-  
deed happy; that he was in a state to set-  
tle his debts, as the King had allotted him  
a good pension, while he, poor fellow, could  
with difficulty make both ends of the year  
meet, to say nothing of meeting the de-  
mands of his creditors.  
At first, Robert contented himself with  
keeping his reflections to himself, and with  
detailing his grievances to his own ear;  
but by degrees his discontent expressed  
itself more loudly, and became soon his  
favorite and constant theme of conversa-  
tion.  
One day when he had allowed himself  
to delay paying his rent, and was advanc-  
ing sadly towards Mr. Taylor's house in  
order to make his excuses for this delay, he  
met his neighbor, Hullins, who was as  
regular as a clock about his rent which he  
had just paid. The sight even of Samuel  
had a bad effect upon Robert. When he  
bent his head in answer to Hullins' salute,  
his appearance singularly resembled that  
of a bull who is showing his horns to a  
dog. Arrived at the house of the land-  
lord, Hope did not fail to receive a reprimand,  
and to be shown, as an example, the  
conduct of his neighbor, who always paid  
his regularly, and to the last penny.  
'Yes, yes,' murmured Robert, 'some  
people are born with the hand untrained,  
in battle's dread array,  
They had never to bear, and souls to dare,  
The terrors of the fray.  
Their nerves were steel, but their hearts could  
Feel.  
The wrongs their country felt;  
And they braved the storm—unmoved and firm,  
To God, alone, they bent;  
And while rolls the sea, our land shall be  
Fair Freedom's happy home.  
On Bunker's height, at deep midnight,  
The band of heroes stood—  
Ye may trace their toil, on that holy soil,  
They ministered with their blood;  
And all that day, the fearful fray,  
Based on that battle field;  
And the foe's hand pierced many a heart  
That had been Freedom's shield.  
But the work was done—the prize was won—  
To us the hymn has come—  
While rolls the sea, our land shall be  
Fair Freedom's happy home.  
O'er land and tide—our country's pride—  
Her flag—our banner—be given;  
From its starry gleam by hill and stream,  
The foe was backward driven.  
They have passed away like a quiet day—  
Like a ripple on the deep.  
That banner waves o'er the quiet graves,  
Where lie the brave and true;  
But their work is done—the prize is won—  
To us the hymn has come—  
While rolls the sea, our land shall be  
Fair Freedom's happy home.'

Mr. Taylor was a man of joyous tem-  
perament, but a good observer. He had  
noticed for some time Robert's envious  
disposition, and he resolved to convince  
him that the lightest cross would soon be-  
come burdensome to a discontented mind.  
'I see,' said he to Hope, 'that you are  
quite disposed to do nothing. Well, I can  
exempt you from this obligation to work,  
of which you complain so bitterly. The  
cross of your neighbor Samuel, is very easy  
to bear, say you? Will you accept one  
much more light if I engage to acquit you  
of your rent?'  
'But what sort of a cross would you  
place upon my shoulders?' anxiously in-  
quired Robert, who feared the proposition  
might not be acceptable.  
'This,' said Mr. Taylor, taking a piece  
of chalk and tracing a white cross upon  
Robert's coat. 'As long as you will wear  
this I will not ask you for a penny of your  
rent.'  
Hope at first thought that his landlord  
was jesting; but, being assured that he  
was speaking seriously, he cried:  
'By St. George! you may say for I am  
willing to carry such a cross all my life.'  
So Robert departed, congratulating him-  
self on his good fortune; and all along the  
road he laughed to himself over the folly  
of Mr. Taylor, who had so cheaply ac-  
quired him of his rent.  
Never had he been of so joyous a dispo-  
sition as at the moment of re-entering his  
dwelling. He found fault with nothing,  
and his dog came and sat down at his feet  
without his thinking to punish him for his  
familiarity.  
As he seated himself, upon arriving, his  
wife did not at first notice the white cross  
that he bore upon his shoulders; but,  
passing behind her husband in order to  
wind up the clock, she suddenly cried, in a  
sharp voice—  
'O, goodness, Robert, where have you  
been? You have on your back a cross a  
foot long. You come, without doubt, from  
the tavern, and some drunken friend has  
played you this trick to make you look like  
a fool—as if you needed anything so ridi-  
culous for that. Rise, and keep still, while  
I brush off this cross.'

'Stop!' cried Hope, suddenly turning  
away. 'My coat doesn't need you. Go  
and knit your stockings, and let my coat  
alone.'  
'This shall not be,' cried Mistress Hope,  
in a voice still more piercing. 'I don't  
wish my husband to become the laughing-  
stock of the village, and if I have to tear  
your coat to pieces you shall not wear this  
ridiculous cross.'  
So saying, his wife endeavored to brush  
his shoulder. Knowing that all resistance  
would be useless, he angrily escaped from  
the house, violently slamming the door be-  
hind him.  
'What a fury!' muttered he. If she  
had been more gentle I should have told  
her what good luck had come to me. But  
she doesn't deserve to know.'  
'Oh, oh, Robert,' cried old Fox as Hope  
turned the corner of his house. 'What is  
that white cross that you have on your  
back?'  
'Meddle with your own clothes!' inso-  
lently rejoined Hope, continuing his way.  
'Mr. Hope,' said little Patty Stevens,  
the daughter of the market-woman. 'One  
moment, if you please, while I rub out the  
great cross that somebody has made on  
your back.'  
'Go and sell your herrings, you idle  
girl,' replied Robert, 'and not busy your-  
self with those who are going by.'  
The little girl, completely amazed, hast-  
ened into her mother's shop.  
At this moment Hope approached the  
house of the butcher who was talking, on  
his door sill, with his neighbor the black-  
smith.  
'You are just the man I want,' he cried  
stopping Robert, and he began to talk with  
him on business, but hardly had he com-  
menced when old Peggy Turton came by,  
dressed in her speckled plaid and her blue  
apron.  
'As I live, Mr. Hope,' cried she, gath-  
ering up her apron in her hands, 'your  
back is a horror to see.'  
Robert turned around to tell her to let  
him alone; but the blacksmith now per-  
ceived the mark that Mr. Taylor had  
made.  
'By heavens, look!' said he, laughing.  
'It would serve for a sign for the White  
Cross Tavern.'  
Hope felt that there was only one way  
for him to escape at once from Peggy's  
apron and the jokes of the butcher and the  
blacksmith; so he hastened away not with-  
out having called the good woman 'an old  
witch,' and his two neighbors 'idle fools.'  
But the cross began to weigh more heavily  
upon his shoulders than he could at first  
have believed.  
Moreover, unlucky Robert seemed des-  
tined to unwelcome encounters; for he had  
scarcely gone many steps when he found  
himself in front of the schoolhouse. The  
school was done, and the scholars were  
pushing out at this moment into the street,  
disposed to profit by all occasions for mis-  
chief which might be presented. Hope was  
seized with a terrible anxiety, and he  
seemed already to hear hurrahs behind  
him. His fears were soon realized. Hardly  
had he passed the schoolhouse gate when a  
prolonged cry of derision was raised  
as many as fifty scholars set out after  
him, pointing their fingers at him in scorn  
and throwing their bonnets and caps into  
the air.  
'See, see,' cried one, 'he looks like a  
sheep marked for the slaughter house.'  
'Dost thou not see,' responded another,  
'that he has turned crusader, and is going  
to Palestine?'  
And the shouts and cries of laughter  
grew louder and louder.  
Hope grew pale with anger. He turned  
around like a cross dog chased by children,  
and possibly he might have cruelly avenged  
himself upon his young persecutors had not  
Mr. Johnson, the schoolmaster, sud-  
denly appeared at the door.  
Robert advanced towards him, complain-  
ing that his scholars were set of impudent  
scoundrels. Mr. Johnson replied, mildly,  
that he would not for the world encourage  
impudence in his pupils, but the white  
cross that he had upon his back would not  
fail to provoke to laughter men more wise  
than his scholars.  
'What's the cross to you,' demanded  
Robert fiercely. 'Isn't my back my own  
property?'  
The schoolmaster bowed his head, smil-  
ing, and Hope continued on his way. But  
the cross grew more and more heavy upon  
his shoulders. He began to think it was  
not going to be so easy a matter to be re-  
leased from his debt to Mr. Taylor. If he  
had already borne so many taunts, what  
would happen when people should know  
the cause of his wearing this strange orna-  
ment on his back? It would be the same  
as though his landlord had fastened to his  
back a receipt for his rent. Thus reflect-  
ing, Robert approached the tavern. He  
was about proceeding farther, when he  
saw Mr. Taylor himself at a little distance,  
and, opposite, his neighbor Hullins, drag-  
ging his wooden leg along after him, and  
chattering with Harry Stoke, the carpen-  
ter. Harry Stoke was the wit of the vil-

lage; and for nothing in the world would  
Hope have been willing to have been jest-  
ed by him before Hullins. He sought  
refuge therefore in the tavern; but he  
could not long remain there. The tavern  
was not slow to perceive the cross and to  
rally Hope on the cause of his torment.—  
The altercation grew warm, and the lan-  
keeper fearing some serious quarrel, or-  
dered Robert to be put out of doors.  
He had left home thinking to go and  
look at some work that had been proposed  
to him in the next village; but he had  
been so vexed by old Fox, by Patty Stev-  
ens, the blacksmith, the butcher, Peggy  
Turton and the scholars, that he deter-  
mined to return home, thinking that, after  
all, he should there have more peace.  
Have you ever seen, in the month of  
September, a young partridge, the last of  
a brood, hit by a gun shot, and trying to  
hide himself in the stubble, dragging along  
his bleeding wing? In such a state was  
Robert on reaching his house which was  
at the other end of the village. At times  
he walked quickly that he might not be  
overtaken; again he took but one step per  
minute lest he might pass some one whom  
he perceived before him. Now in the road,  
now in the fields, he glided behind bushes,  
keeping close to the walls, and looking  
about with the furtive glance of the gipsy  
who has stolen a hen from the farmer's  
yard. Now indeed the cross had become  
a burden almost insupportable.  
At last, however, he reached his dwell-  
ing, hoping now to find a little rest; but,  
as soon as his wife saw him, she cried out:  
'Isn't it a shame that you should come  
back so weary? Five or six of  
our neighbors already want to know if you  
have lost your reason. Quick, let me pass  
my hand over this cross.'  
'Let it alone, woman!' cried Robert, ex-  
asperated.  
'If I were to lose my senses you would  
not take it so quietly. Those who belong  
to me shall not make themselves ridicu-  
lous. Pull off that jacket. Pull it off in-  
stantly, I tell you!'  
So saying, mistress Hope, endeavored  
to seize the arm of her husband, but he  
rudely repelled her. Mrs. Hope, in whom  
patience was not a shining virtue, answer-  
ed him with a box on the ear, from which  
he escaped with a great start, and to the  
great scandal of the neighbors who  
ran to separate them.  
It need not be added that everybody  
threw the blame upon Robert, who, from  
the first, had braved the general reproba-  
tion, and shown strength of character in  
his very rage. But the more furiously a  
fire burns, the quicker it consumes that  
which feeds it. In like manner, passion-  
ate tempers soon exhaust their force by the  
violence of their emotions. Robert, hav-  
ing become calm, felt no courage to pro-  
fess so labrious a contest. He knew that  
there was no longer any hope of peace for  
him, either out of doors or in his own house  
so long as he wore the cross upon his coat,  
and that every evening he decided to efface  
it from sight.  
The following Monday, he went, at an  
early hour, to the house of his landlord,  
carrying the week's rent in his hand.  
'Ah! ah! Robert!' said Mr. Taylor,  
as soon as he saw him, 'I thought you  
would not be slow in repenting of your  
bargain. This is a lesson for envious and  
impatient people who unceasingly complain  
of God and their own life. Remember this  
in future, Hope! He who has created us  
has proportioned trial to the strength of  
each of us. Never again complain that  
you are more unfortunate than others, for  
you know not what your neighbor suffers.  
All crosses are heavy. They are made  
light only by Patience, Courage, and Good  
Will.'

**How to Get Rich.**—Such is the force of  
well-regulated industry, that a steady and  
vigorous exertion of our faculties, directed  
to one end, will generally insure success.  
Would you, for instance, be rich? Do  
you think that single point worth the sac-  
rificing everything else to? You may then  
be rich. Thousands have become so from  
the lowest beginnings, by toil, and patient  
diligence, and attention to the minutest  
details of expense and profit. But you must  
give up the pleasure of leisure, of a vacant  
mind, of a free, unsuspicious temper. If  
you preserve your integrity, it must be a  
coarse-spun and vulgar honesty. Those  
high and lofty notions of morals which you  
brought with you from the schools, must be  
considerably lowered, and mixed with  
baser alloy of a jealous and worldly-mind-  
ed prudence. You must learn to do hard,  
if not unjust things; and for the nice em-  
barrassments of a delicate and ingenious  
spirit, it is necessary for you to get rid  
of them as fast as possible. You must  
shut your heart against the Muses, and be  
content to feed your understanding with  
plain, household truths. In short, you  
must not attempt to enlarge your ideas, or  
polish your taste, or refine your sentiments;  
but must keep on in one beaten track, with-  
out turning aside either to the right hand  
or to the left. 'But I cannot submit to  
drudgery like this—I feel a spirit above it.'  
'This will be above it; only do not  
repine that you are not rich.'

**Mr. Barbauld.**  
**Philosophy.**—The captain of a whale-  
ship told one of the wretched native in-  
habitants of Spitzbergen that he sincerely  
pitied the miserable life to which he was  
condemned. 'Miserable!' exclaimed the  
philosophic savage; 'I have always had a  
fish bone through my nose and plenty of  
train-oil to drink; what more could I pos-  
sibly desire?'

## United States Laws.

### OFFICIAL.

Passed at the Second Session of the Thirty-sixth Congress.  
(Public Law No. 7.)  
AN ACT to promote the efficiency of the Dead Letter Office.  
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster General be authorized to return all dead letters, except those containing circulars and other worthless matter, to their writers, whenever their names can be ascertained. All valuable letters to be charged treble, and others double, the ordinary rate of postage, to be collected from the writers.  
Sec. 2. And he is further enacted, That, to enable this to be done, the Postmaster General is authorized to employ not exceeding twenty-five additional clerks, at salaries not exceeding an average of eight hundred dollars per year, and no one to receive over twelve hundred dollars per year; Provided, That he is satisfied that the receipts for dead letter postage will amount to a sum sufficient to pay the aggregate compensation. And he shall report to the next session of Congress the additional income from this source, with its cost and statistical results.  
Approved, January 21, 1862.  
(Public Law No. 8.)  
AN ACT in relation to the letters of sailors and marines in the service of the United States.  
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of the act of July twenty-second, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, authorizing soldiers to send letters through the mails of the United States without prepayment of postage, is hereby extended to the sailors and marines in the actual service of the United States, under such regulations as the Post Office Department shall provide, the postage thereon to be paid by the recipients.  
Approved, January 21, 1862.  
(Public Law No. 9.)  
AN ACT to authorize the President to appoint an Assistant Secretary of War.  
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be and he is hereby authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, two additional Assistant Secretaries of War, whose salary shall each be three thousand dollars per annum, who shall perform all such duties in the office of the Secretary of War as he may deem proper, and whose term of office shall be for one year.  
Approved, January 21, 1862.  
(Public Resolution No. 4.)  
JOINT RESOLUTION for the sale of the ruins of the Washington Infirmary.  
Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of Public Buildings be and they are directed to sell at public auction all the material, building, and otherwise, now remaining on Judiciary Square, of the late "Washington Infirmary," with the condition that the same be removed by the purchaser, and the avails of said sale may be by the Commissioners to be paid for the taking care of said property since the fire, and to the improvement of said Judiciary Square, he rendering his accounts in the usual manner to the Treasury for the same.  
Approved, January 18, 1862.  
(Public Resolution No. 5.)  
JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer certain balances of an appropriation for printing of the second session of the Thirty-sixth Congress to the sum appropriated for the first session of the Thirty-sixth Congress.  
Whereas the appropriation for supplying the deficiencies in the appropriations for printing ordered to be executed by the first session of the Thirty-sixth Congress has been exhausted, leaving a balance to be provided for of five thousand and eight hundred and eighty dollars and fifty cents, and said printing having been completed; and whereas there remains of the appropriation for printing ordered at the second session of the Thirty-sixth Congress a balance of twenty-five thousand six hundred and eighty dollars and fifty cents, which will not be required, as the printing for the second session Thirty-sixth Congress has been completed and paid for. There-fore  
Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to transfer from the balance of the appropriation now standing to the credit of said appropriation on the books of the Treasury for printing for the second session Thirty-sixth Congress, a sum sufficient to meet the outstanding claim for printing for the first session Thirty-sixth Congress.  
Approved, January 21, 1862.  
(Public Resolution No. 6.)  
JOINT RESOLUTION (declaratory) for the purpose of Congress to impose a tax.  
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in order to pay the ordinary expenses of the Government, the interest on the national debt, and to have an ample sinking fund for the ultimate liquidation of all public debt, a tax shall be imposed which shall, with the tariff on imports, secure an annual revenue of not less than one hundred and fifty million dollars.  
Approved, January 21, 1862.  
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### A DIARY OF THE REVOLUTION.

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10. Arrived a fleet from New York of about 7 sail with provisions and 1 Regiment of American troops called the Queen's Rangers, commanded by Brigadier Gen. Brown. This morning the 23d and 43d Regiments marched to Portsmouth and encamped at Windmill hill.  
12. A French — was taken in sight of the harbor, by the Galley and brought in here. This morning the 64th Regiment marched and encamped 4 miles from the town. The regiment called the Queen's Rangers landed at the Long Wharf and took possession of the lines and Miantonomi Hill. Last night one Dr. Gleason lately from Narragansett, was found dead, supposed to have murdered himself by cutting his arm and bleeding.  
14. A hot press is expected.  
17. A soldier belonging to the 22d Regiment was executed at Quaker Hill for robbing the Queen's stores; one received 500 lashes.  
18. Last night the regiment of Americans under Col. — attempted to land on the Uppike Newtown, but were discovered and beaten off; 1 man killed and 2 wounded. Arrived 7 sail of Victuallers from York, conveyed by the Brunswick, a few recruits, tents, &c. Last night the shop belonging to Messrs. John and William Langley was broken open and robbed.  
19. The goods belonging to Messrs. Langley were found on board the Pigot Galley. The sailors were committed to the Provost.  
17. Sailed Commodore Griffell in the Nonesuch, with 4 frigates, sailed on a cruise after a French fleet.  
20. Last night a boat belonging to a Transport with 8 others, with inhabitants were taken at — a fishing by Provin-  
22. This afternoon a Flag arrived from Providence with prisoners belonging to Burgoyne's army. The prisoners landed. Lieut. Gov. Bradford came in the Flag, landed, waited on the General and embarked at 10 o'clock. This evening she returned for Providence with about 39 prisoners that were taken at Bristol and Warren.  
24. Sailed a Flag for Providence with inhabitants after being detained 3 months. This morning the Free Masons, consisting of officers, soldiers and inhabitants marched through the town to the Church, and from thence to a field east of the town, where a grand entertainment was provided.  
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30. Arrived 15 victuallers from — and a ship from Boston.  
July 1. Landgrave regiment marched out to Portsmouth and encamped at Wind Mill Hill, relieved the Beno regiment which marched into town and encamped in the field west of the town near the mills. The Hyn regiment encamped on the east side of the road, leading into the neck and began a battery of 2 guns fronting the road.  
2. This morning the Liffoot regiment encamped at Miantonomi Hill and the other redoubts to relieve the Prince of Wales regiment of Americans who went on the island of Conanicut and encamped.  
4. A firing is heard through the course of the whole day, supposed to be Independence day.  
6. A Frigate arrived from New York, took 6 schooners belonging to New London, laden with hoops. She informs of a battle in the Jerseys, that the Provincials had 600 men killed and 2 Generals. A coal mine is opened in the neck. A Flag Staff is erected at the old Warehouse as a signal for the discovery of vessels.  
8. Rebuilding the Fort on Brenton's point.  
10. Two pieces of heavy cannon carried to the Fort.  
12. Sailed a fleet for Long Island for wood.  
15. A heavy cannonading is heard, supposed to be on the Main, the occasion is not known.  
16. Last night arrived a fleet of Transports, upwards of 20 sail from New York with 4 regiments and troops from Philadelphia. Gen. Prescott is arrived with the soldiers. 2 regiments Germans, grenadiers, and American regiment called the Queen's regiment.  
19. Arrived the Snow, brig of 24 guns, with 4 other vessels, that were bound to New York from —, the Snow came out of New York and conveyed them in here, on account of the French fleet, that has arrived at Sandy Hook, of 12 sail of the line, and 6 frigates, and blocked up Lord Howe with the Fleet.







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